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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - BOLIVIA

On January 23, conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ.  
101,000) ran an editorial entitled, "Evo Morales' First Year in  
Office." Quote:

"Evo Morales' first year in office was poor in terms of generating  
trust and guaranteeing stability.... Under Morales, La Paz has  
finally joined the so-called axis of the 'new' left in the region,  
led by Caracas, and formed also by Quito, Managua, and Havana,  
taking an anti-globalization, anti-free market, and an anti-U.S.  
stance, which does not represent the economic or political path that  
Chile has chosen.... With regard to Chile, it is true that  
President Morales has not used the maritime issue as an element of  
distraction, in spite of his problems. But for Santiago and the  
region, it is important for La Paz to rule a stable country that is  
socially at peace. It is to be hoped that the Bolivian President's  
second year in office is less discouraging than his first."

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